



THE POWER OF GOD

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WARM UP QUESTION: When you were a child, were you a rule follower? How were you judged by figures of authority (i.e. parents, teachers) when you kept or broke a rule?

READ: Romans 2:1-12

FOCUS: No one is exempt from the judgment of God.

OBSERVE:

- People tend to give excuses when it comes to recognizing the judgment of God. Some are based on adherence to moral laws, some depend on the mercy of God and some have a false sense of security in group membership, for example being a Jew.
- The judgement of God is fair and righteous. We will be judged according to the conditions of our hearts and our fate is either eternal salvation or eternal tribulation.
- Our works reflect the status of our faith; however, we cannot be saved by adherence to the law.

DISCUSS:

- What stood out to you, or what did the Holy Spirit bring to your attention?
- Have you ever fallen into one of the “excuse camps” when it comes to recognizing the judgement of God? How have you changed since then?
- Do you sense the Holy Spirit guiding you to respond more fully to the Gospel?

TAKE ACTION:

- Does your current life reveal that you have genuine life-transforming faith in Jesus? Ask others in your group which of your attitudes or actions might need to change.
- Share with each other how you accomplished similar changes.
- Commit together to be accountable for making progress toward these changes. Remember that stones in a brook are smooth because other stones have rubbed away their rough and bumpy places.

PRAY: *Dear Lord, thank you for being a righteous God and for granting us the gift of salvation. Help us be honest with ourselves and relinquish excuses which have prevented us from recognizing the weight of Your ultimate judgement. We give You honor and praise. In Jesus Name, Amen!!*